

# SERPULA ANGUINA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Animal* Terebella.

*Testa* univalvis, tubulosa, adhærens, (sæpe isthmis integris passim intercepta.)

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1264.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SERPULA testa teretiuscula subspirali, fissura longitudinali subarticulata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1267.

*List. conch.* t. 548. f. 2.

*Gualt. test.* t. 10. f. z.

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Genus quod *Serpula* dicitur incolunt animalia a reliquis testaceis longe diversa, et quibus nonnulla esse videtur affinitas cum *Aphroditis* et *Nereidibus* apud *Mollusca*; et *Scolopendris* apud *Insecta*. Plurimorum tamen manca et incerta est notitia; nec adhuc descripsit aliquis incolam speciei de qua jam loquimur. Ipsius testæ mira omnino est conformatio. Tubus nempe e quo constat, quique in diversis speciminibus varias subit coloris et inflexionis vices, insignitur per totam longitudinem rima seu fissura, quæ continuam exhibet parvorum et oblongorum foraminum. E maribus extrahitur Indicis *Serpula anguina*.







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ANGUINE SERPULA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Animal* resembling a *Terebella*.

*Shell* univalve, tubular, adhering commonly to other substances, (in many species intercepted internally by dissepiments at uncertain distances.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SERPULA with subcylindric subspiral shell, with an articulated longitudinal fissure.

Chain-Sided SERPULA.

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The genus *Serpula* is inhabited by a very different race of animals from the rest of the testaceous tribe, and which seem to bear some analogy to the *Amphitritæ* and *Nereides* among the *Mollusca*, and to the *Scolopendræ* among *Insects*. Few however of the inhabitants of the *Serpulæ* are very distinctly known, and among others that of the present species still remains undescribed. The structure of the shell itself is highly singular; the tube of which it consists, and which in different specimens

mens exhibits considerable diversities of flexure and colour, being marked throughout its whole length by a fissure formed of a continued series of oblong perforations. It is a native of the Indian seas.